



# Jessie Younghusband School



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Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure like us you are all hoping that we see the back of the wet windy weather soon. It really is challenging for the children when they are in so much and don't have an opportunity to get outside and use up their energy. Bright sunny weather makes such a difference so let's hope we see more of it soon!

Well done to everyone for joining in our World Book day celebrations by wearing their PJs. A special well done to Year 5 who looked fabulous in their alien outfits as well.

You may be aware that, in response to a new Ofsted Framework, we have been working on our curriculum planning during this year. We have drawn up new documents setting out the curriculum which will be available on the website in the summer term. More details on this to follow in a letter which will be sent out before the end of this term.

*Mrs Sadler*

## World Book Day

On Friday, we were delighted to be celebrating World Book Day in school. The children (and staff!) were dressed in pyjamas and were able to cosy up to hear a story read to them by different teachers throughout the day. Each year group also took part in a variety of different book-themed activities in their class rooms. It was fantastic to hear the children talking so enthusiastically about reading and seeing them enjoy the stories we shared with them. Don't forget to exchange your £1 tokens - there are a number of fantastic titles this year which you can get completely free with your voucher. We have a small number of spares, so please see the office if you have lost yours or need some advice about where you can exchange it. Mr. Vass.



## Grounds Day - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March

We will be focussing our efforts on the pond area in this term's Saturday Grounds day so the arrangements this time are slightly different. We are looking for some adults to help in the pond area. **The pond work will start from 8am.**



**Other work will start at 9.30am** to give us a chance to get the pond work well under way first. Children and parents wanting to help with other tasks such as gardening and tidying up are welcome to come then. We will also be finishing earlier as Mr Phillips needs to leave by 11.30 so we anticipate starting to **pack away just after 11.00am**. We hope that you will still be able to come along to join us in this community activity.

For those parents who may not know about our Grounds day, one Saturday morning each term, we encourage our families to help us to manage the school grounds, giving our outdoor spaces a special, community and shared feel. All families are welcome to join us as we dig, tidy and smarten up our grounds. Tea, coffee, doughnuts and biscuits keep us going. Please come and join in the fun! Even if you are only able to spend short time with us, it will help us to prepare the grounds for the rest of the spring term. Grounds Day also provides an opportunity for the children to earn one point to go on their JYS badge total.



### **Corporate Challenge**

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, we took 19 children down to the centre of Chichester to compete in the Corporate Challenge road race, which began with the Year 6 boys' race at 18:30. All of our children ran well in their races, and we are delighted to share with you that Stanley came 3<sup>rd</sup> amongst all the Y6 boys running, Iona convincingly won against all the Y5 girls running in her race but Matty not only won the Y5 boys' race, but did it in a time that was quicker than the Y6 boys who had just run! We are very proud of all who took part.

### **Bronze Ambassadors**

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February, four of our Y5 children went to the Westgate Centre with Mrs Dutton to a Bronze Ambassador Conference. They met with children from many other local schools and the event looked at developing leadership and taking on sport related projects back at school. We look forward to their suggestions and support with how we shape sport and PE at Jessie across the coming year.

### **Premises Officer Appointment**

We are delighted to be welcoming Mr Mark Wilkins to join our staff team as Premises Officer. Mr Wilkins, who has been a parent at JYS for some years so knows our school very well, will be starting at the end of March. This will enable him to spend time in school before Mr Phillips retires at Easter.

### **Year 1 Trip to The Weald and Downland Living Museum**

Year 1 had a brilliant time at the Weald and Downland Living Museum on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, despite the rain! They explored the features of different historical houses and saw how homes have changed and developed over time, with a particular focus on the building and roofing materials used. One highlight of the trip was seeing the Tudor toilet facilities in Bayleaf House! There were lots of other highlights too, including visiting the mill to see how flour is made, trying some freshly baked bread in the bakery, learning how horse shoes were made at the blacksmith's forge and seeing the shire horses!



### **Second Hand Uniform Sale**

Following the success of our previous second hand uniform sale, we would like to hold another one before the end of this term (date TBC). Therefore, if you have any good quality JYS uniform that you would like to donate then please hand it in to the school office. Please ensure the items are clean and in a good condition. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to phone the office.



### **Access to the School Office**

Could we remind everyone that if you need to speak with the ladies in the school office or bring in medicines, etc., at drop off or collection times in the morning or afternoon, that access is via the front door only. This is to ensure the security of the building and safety. It also means that all visitors and parents can be helped at the office window. Some parents are coming to the office door though the library or the hall and we must request that everyone walks around to the front door. Thank you for your understanding.

**[Dates for your diary are on the following page](#)**

**Last week of ALL clubs week commencing Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.**

<b>Spring Term 2019</b>	
<b>w/c Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	School Council meeting with the Mayor of Chichester at the Assembly Rooms
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 'Stay and Learn' – parents invited 8.45am – 9.30am 'Future Flyers' 1pm to 3pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 'Stay and learn' – parents invited 8.45am – 9.30am
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	'Sport Relief' Y5 and Y6 to Chichester College for STEM FEST
<b>w/c Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 Sports Morning with Regis School
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4's Last Swimming Session Year 3 Forest School Year 4 Forest School – pm at Brandy Hole Copse
<b>w/c Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b><u>LAST WEEK OF ALL CLUBS</u></b> Year 1 'Houses & Homes' with Paul Ullson
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Class Assembly 8.55am Year 2 Trip to 'Beaulieu' Swimming Gala at Arun Leisure Centre
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Forest School Year 4 Forest School
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	JYS Spring Concert at 2.00pm
<b>w/c Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Photographs by Fraser Portraits – 9am
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year 3 Forest School Year 4 Forest School – pm at Brandy Hole Copse
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>

**Spring Term 2020**

Starts: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January  
Half Term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February  
Ends: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
***INSET day Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February***

**Summer Term 2020**

Starts: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April  
Half Term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May  
Ends: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
***INSET days Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July***

**Autumn Term 2020**

Starts: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
Half Term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October  
Ends: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
***INSET day(s) to be confirmed***

***Please note that future term dates are available on the West Sussex Council website***

***<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-term-dates/>***